Article - Business Regulation

17 - 2106.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this title, a person who violates this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding [\$100] \$300 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 97

(House Bill 95)

AN ACT concerning

Comptroller - Issuance of Cigarette Licenses

FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to investigate applications for certain licenses issued or renewed by the Comptroller; requiring that certain licenses be denied under certain circumstances; expanding the circumstances under which the Comptroller may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license; requiring the Comptroller to grant a waiver from certain provisions of this Act to certain persons under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the powers of the Comptroller to issue business licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 16 205 <u>16-210</u>

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Business Regulation

16 205.

- (a) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE Comptroller shall issue an appropriate license to each applicant who meets the requirements of this subtitle for a license to act as a manufacturer, storage warehouse, subwholesaler, vending machine operator, or wholesaler.
- (B) (1) PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY LICENSE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION WITH RECARD TO